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SECAF visits Peterson

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The Secretary of the Air Force emphasized the key role of space in military operations during a visit to Peterson May 16-17.

"The war in Afghanistan has shown our reliance on space," said Dr. James G. Roche, while addressing Air Force Space Command Headquarters members. "We can't do it without global reconnaissance. We need persistent ISR - intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance - 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week in good and bad weather. If it moves, we want to know about it and what it is."

Roche told those gathered that they were "in an interesting field in an extraordinary time," and that the world was now aware of the importance of space as a distinct form of warfare - not just support, but with more and more warrior aspects.

"It's like 3-D chess," he said. "We not only have to think about our systems, but whether someone is interfering with those systems and how to deal with that interference. We're looking at multiple moves."

"Space and air warfare are blending and soon will be inseparable. [The military] is dependent on doing

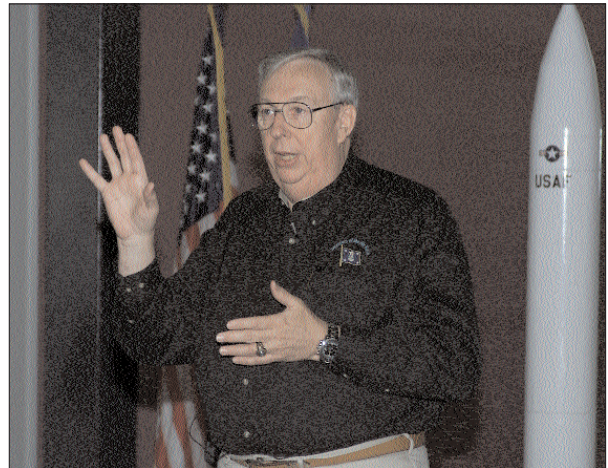


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alex Lloyd

Dr. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, speaks at Air Force Space Command Headquarters, during his visit to Peterson May 17.

space warfare well. We're committed to having the least opaque battlefield-picture of anyone on the battlefield.

"The rest of the Air Force has to understand as well that you [space] have caused us to change the way we think about war."

During his visit, Roche toured Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center, where he met with members

of the 1st Space Control Squadron and key CMOC personnel. He also met with Gen. Lance W. Lord, Air Force Space Command Commander.

Roche's wife, Diane, accompanied him to Peterson and visited the base's child development center, health and wellness center and received a briefing about the AFSPC mission.

NORAD celebrates 44th anniversary

By Petty Officer
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NORAD Public Affairs

The men and women of the North American Aerospace Defense Command recently celebrated NORAD's 44th anniversary during a ceremony at the Peterson Officers' Club.

This bi-national Canadian and American organization was officially created on May 12, 1958 to "deter, detect and defend against air and space threats to North America."

The featured guest was Beverly Crockett, a Colorado native who served on the NORAD staff for most of her 45-year career as a Department of Defense employee.

During her time with NORAD Crockett saw many changes.

"NORAD has responded to the changing threat through advancement in technology," said Crockett. "Most important has been the installation of satellites in space, improving air surveillance and information transmission, which has benefitted both the military and civilian communities."

"I'm proud to be a member of this unique, multi-service command," Crockett added. "NORAD serves as an example to the world: two great nations working together for the common defense of their homelands."

NORAD mission focus

- **Aerospace Warning:** the monitoring of man-made objects in space; and detection, validation and warning of attack against North America whether by aircraft, missiles, or man-made space vehicles.
- **Aerospace Control:** which includes providing surveillance and control (air sovereignty) of Canadian and American airspace.
- **Domestic Airspace:** NORAD's mission was most recently extended to include a focus on domestic airspace in light of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on America.

The highlight of the ceremony occurred when Crockett was joined by NORAD's junior Canadian Forces member, Leading Seaman Jimmy Stewart, to cut the official birthday cake.

Entrusted with the air defense of North America throughout the Cold War, NORAD evolved and adapted over the years to meet new security challenges.

NORAD military operations commenced on Sept 12, 1957, just three weeks prior to the successful launch of Sputnik 1 on Oct 4, 1957. The event not only heralded the space age, it also ushered in the spectre of an

Intercontinental Ballistic Missile threat to North America. In response, NORAD acquired the ability to see objects in space and to provide warning of a missile attack.

With its missions so important and the Cold War threat so great, the NORAD Operations Center was moved into a newly constructed complex deep inside Cheyenne Mountain in 1966.

Since the early 1970s, NORAD has used ground-based and space-based sensors to detect missile launches around the world.

In 1981, the name of NORAD was changed from North American Air Defense Command to North American Aerospace Defense Command to reflect the air and space nature of its missions.

From the Top

Exercise... exercise?

By Brig Gen Duane Deal
21st Space Wing Commander

From an actual *Washington Post* article:
Crash of Small Plane Kills Two in Hampton
Two people died yesterday when their small plane crashed at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton. A Langley spokesman said the plane apparently developed a problem while taking off and tried to come around and land. Instead, it clipped a tree and crashed into an electrical substation off the end of the runway about 9:40 a.m.

Could it happen here? It's certainly not worth paranoia, but it's a lingering possibility -- a major airport is adjacent to our installation, our base lies under an approach corridor, and with everything from helicopters to hot air balloons scooting around, there exists the slim possibility that Peterson could encounter such circumstances. The tragedies of past AF Academy and airline crashes also underscore the reality of such incidents in the local area. Being practiced and prepared is half the battle to effectively deal with such an event.

Such preparation was the focus of Tuesday's Major Accident Response Exercise.

Simulating an inbound plane had crashed, nearly all of our response capabilities were put on trial simulation: our medical team effectively triaged and evacuated injured victims ... the fire department was on hand to extinguish flames ... the civil engineers were ready to contain spilled fuel ... public affairs handled aggressive media and news releases ... our security forces maintained cordons ... and other agencies, including mission support, services, transportation, chaplains, safety, the wing operations center, communications, and the Judge Advocate, all under the guidance of the battle staff and disaster control group, effectively passed the MARE test.

We'll continue such exercises, aiming for realistic scenarios that provide an honest evaluation of our capabilities. Such training is essential to building teamwork and skills amongst diverse agencies, and is necessary to ensure success should an accident occur ... all in keeping with our Air Force beacon to "Train like we fight, and fight like we train."

God willing, our exercises will be just that -- exercises. However, if a real event does occur, through our exercises we'll strive to live up to the Boy Scout motto, and "Be Prepared."



Photo by Joe Fischer

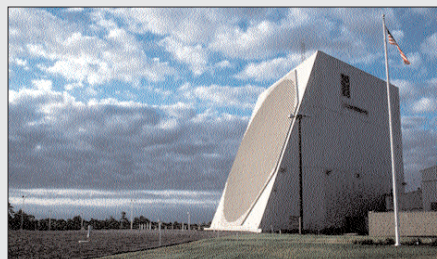
At the exercise's accident scene, Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander, discusses the security cordon with 21st Security Forces Squadron members Airman Nicholas Johnson and Senior Airman Rod Palmer, accompanied by exercise evaluator Lou Collachi, 21st SW Inspector General office. See exercise story and photos, Page 9.

21st Space Wing



GSR

At a Glance



Unit: 6th Space Warning Squadron

Location: Cape Cod Air Force Station, Mass.

Mission: The 6th SWS is primarily responsible for detecting sea-launched ballistic missiles fired from submarines in the Atlantic Ocean.

The unit then determines how many missiles were launched and their probable destination, and reports that to the North American Aerospace Defense Command's Missile Warning Center, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station; U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.; and the President and Secretary of Defense.

The unit helps form a two-layered, worldwide network of missile warning systems. The system also detects intercontinental ballistic missiles launched toward North America.

In addition, the squadron helps track earth-orbiting satellites, and reports that information to U.S. Space Command's Space Control Center at Cheyenne Mountain AFS. This information is combined with information from other sensors to form a satellite catalog.

The space control center uses the catalog to keep track of more than 9,500 objects in orbit.

Speed is a key factor in day-to-day squadron activities. Within 60 seconds after detecting a launch, the crew on duty has to determine if the detection is valid or due to computer, mechanical or personnel error. After that, the crew determines the number of launched vehicles and provides impact predictions on North America.

News Briefs

FOOD COURT CLOSURE

Anthony's Pizza, Frank's Franks, and the inside eating area of the base exchange will be closed Tuesday through June 5, for repair work on a broken sewer line.

ROAD CLOSURES, DELAYS

Suffolk Street from Duluth to Hamilton avenues will be closed today to allow completion of the new fire station.

Hamilton Avenue from Peterson Boulevard to the south end of Hamilton and the flightline gate between Bldgs. 119 and 117 will also be closed today.

For more information, call John Moreau or Bryon Bednar at 556-4184.

ACCESS CHANNEL ONLINE

Peterson's Commander's Access Channel is now on the air. It can be accessed on Americable Channel 3.

To include announcements on the channel e-mail access.channel@peterson.af.mil.

TAX PREPARATION

The Peterson Tax Center will remain open until June 28 to answer tax-related questions and to assist with tax preparations. Electronic filing is still available for those who filed for an extension. Assistance is also available in filing amended federal and

amended Colorado State returns.

For tax questions, call 556-5213. For a tax preparation appointment, call 556-4871.

MILLER MOTH MIGRATION

The annual migration of miller moths, which normally lasts about four weeks, is underway.

For more information, visit www.colostate.edu/DeptsCoopExt/LA/RIMER/millers.htm.



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Kehlers recognized for leadership, dedication

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout
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The 2001 General and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley award was presented to Brig. Gen. and Mrs. C. Robert Kehler during the 21st Space Wing Change of Command Ceremony May 15.

"The O'Malley is awarded annually to recognize the best wing commander and spouse team in the service," said Lt. Col. Reggie Selby, master of ceremonies.

The O'Malley award is accompanied by a citation distinguishing the Kehlers.

The citation describes their dynamic leadership and devotion to the people and mission of the 21st Space Wing.

During their tenure, the Kehlers have devoted their leadership to the wing in numerous activities. The 21st provided America with perfect strategic warning, executed two squadron deactivations, achieved initial operational capability for the Space-Based Infrared System, stood-up a new Air Base Wing, and responded to two natural disasters.

The Kehlers have also dedicated themselves to the community. They worked tirelessly in cooperation with local community officials, and state, national and international leaders.

Many of the Kehlers' accomplishments are reflected in their leadership style. More than 60 unit and individual awards from higher headquarters emphasize this.

"One of the rules I picked up along the way from some of the very leaders in this room, is that, when you become commander, you replace I and my with we and ours," said Brig. Gen. C. Robert Kehler, 21st Space Wing commander. "So believe me, I did not have achievements over the last two years. We did — and that extends to my family as well.

"Great wings don't occur, they happen for a few reasons," said Kehler. "Great wings begin with the community where they are based and the caliber of leadership in that community. It's also the men and women who serve with us that make it a better Air Force. Leadership of the wing from all levels — officers and non-commissioned officers — make the wing happen."

The O'Malley Award recognizes



Photo by G. Dennis Plummer

Maj. Gen. Michael A. Hamel, 14th Air Force Commander, left, presents the O'Malley Award to former 21st Space Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler and his wife, Marj Kehler, during the 21st SW change of command ceremony May 15.

the wing commander and spouse whose contributions to the nation, the Air Force and the local community, best exemplify the highest ideals and positive leadership of a military couple in a key Air Force position.

Gen. Jerome O'Malley was a

command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours. His last assignment was commander of the Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Va. The O'Malleys were killed in an aircraft crash while enroute to a Boy Scout fundraising banquet in Scranton, Pa.

Logistics Squadron staff sergeant earns cash award for good IDEA

Tech. Sgt.
Michael Phillips
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

A staff sergeant assigned to the 21st Logistics Support Squadron proved that good ideas pay big dividends.

His suggestion to the Air Force's Innovative Development through Employee Awareness — IDEA — Program resulted in a cash award of nearly \$7,000.

The IDEA Program, formerly known as the Air Force Suggestion Program, is an Air Force-wide initiative that rewards Air Force people for establishing money-saving work methods. The program gives cash awards to all Air Force military members and Air Force federal civilian employees for sharing their ideas on how to save the Air Force money.

Staff Sgt. James Stanley's suggestion to replace Land Mobile Radios with cellular phones equipped with a page function earned him \$6,859.

A new "narrow-band"



Photo by Alex Worden

Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st SW Commander, right, presents, an IDEA Program check for \$6,859 to Staff Sgt. James Stanley for his innovative suggestion.

requirement meant that the LMRs currently in use would have to be replaced. Since the Motorola HT1000 radios can't be reprogrammed to meet the requirement, they must be replaced with compliant radios.

The estimated cost for replacing current radios and base stations is \$289,000 over five years.

For units that require the

radios for non-tactical use, Stanley's suggested substitute could give greater communications range and enhanced capabilities for phone calls.

The proposed substitution could save the 21st LSS more than \$221,000. The savings for Air Force units throughout the continental U.S. would be even more substantial, reaching several million dollars in the first year.

Volunteers needed for base crisis support team

By Susan Golden
Family Support Center

Annual recruitment for Peterson and Cheyenne Mountain volunteers to serve on the Community Crisis Support Team is underway.

The CST is designed to assist military, Department of Defense employees and family members in times of crisis, to provide community referrals and to initiate healthy crisis management. In doing so, they may find themselves responding to the aftermath of an accident, a sexual assault, child abuse, a suicide or natural disaster.

Each team consists of three people who attend thorough training. Training topics include risk assessment, local resources, suicide dynamics, and crisis-support intervention techniques.

In order to join a team, volunteers must be willing to attend a training workshop from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 5 on "Approaches to Community Assessment and Management of Suicidality" for those in certain positions.

Applications for the CST can be picked up from the family support center in Bldg. 350, the life skills center or the chapel and must be returned to the family support center prior to the June 5 training.

This one-day workshop is also designed for and applicable to first sergeants, commanders, chaplains, healthcare professionals, emergency response personnel, IDS team members, military training managers, and crisis support team members.

Trainer Dr. David Jobes is a nationally recognized suicide expert. He has written 2 books and authored 35 publications on the topic.

For those interested in being a part of the CST or for those interested in attending the workshop only, please stop by the Family Support Center, Bldg. 350, to pick up an application form or a registration brochure.

Safety Day kicks off '101 Critical Days of Summer'

By Tech. Sgt.
Michael Phillips
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing Safety office kicked off their "101 Critical Days" campaign a week early this year with a Summer Safety Day event May 17 at Peterson Park.

"With the increase in summertime activities, historically more Air Force personnel have been killed in mishaps during the 101 Days than any other time," said Master Sgt. Chuck Cypher, 21st Space Wing Safety superintendent.

"We'd like to remind our folks to wear seat belts when operating or riding in vehicles, wear a helmet when riding motorcycles, and wear a personal flotation device when boating," he said. "Also, we need to remind them that alcohol is a no-no when participating in these type activities."

"We need them to use Personal Risk Management in all they do."

Throughout the day, Peterson emergency units, along with Smokey the Bear and U.S. Forest Service representatives, and Colorado Springs police and fire departments, kept those hearty enough to brave the morning's chilly weather occupied and entertained.

"Safety Day is a great chance to focus on safety and have some fun," said Maj. Pat Goodman, 21st Space Wing chief of safety. "The demonstrations, exhibitions and people are all about increasing awareness during the

dangerous summer months, interacting with the many local emergency organizations and giving people the opportunity to gather more information on what services they provide.

The Colorado Springs fire department's "smoke trailer" was on hand to demonstrate what to do in case of fire or smoke in homes, while the 21st Security Forces military working dog teams put on demonstrations as well.

From off base, the Colorado Springs Police Department hosted the "wheel chair goggle" event to simulate the hazards of drunk driving.

The United States Air Force Band of the Rockies "Blue Steel" provided musical entertainment throughout the day.

NASCAR

Craftsman Truck Series driver Brian Rose, who

was in Colorado Springs for the weekend's race at Pikes Peak International Raceway, visited the base to sign autographs and to talk about safety and the equipment he uses when racing.

"NASCAR's really been under the spotlight as far as safety," Rose said. "I don't think there's any way you can monitor safety equipment enough. If so, then we'd be doing it. Safety's a tough issue to research and to make improvements, but NASCAR's on top of it, all the time"

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Brian Rose
NASCAR Driver

Have a Safe Memorial Day Weekend: Buckle Up, Don't Drink and Drive

ITASCA, Ill. - Memorial Day is the beginning of the travel season in America when many of us take to the road for vacations or weekend trips. Whether your Memorial Day trip is across the country or just across town, remember that all passengers must be buckled up. The National Safety Council estimates that 26,400 people will suffer nonfatal disabling injuries over the holiday in crashes. Buckling up can substantially reduce the severity of injuries in nonfatal crashes.

Driving safely and taking the proper precautions can mean the difference between having a fun trip and becoming a statistic: the NSC also predicts that 498 Americans will die in motor vehicle crashes over the Memorial Day weekend.

"The Council issues this estimate each year to save lives," said NSC president Alan C. McMillan. "I'm pleased to report that seat belt use in the United States has increased from 58 percent to 73 percent over the last six years. However, we still have a long way to go to reach the 90 percent level of other industrialized nations. And be sure to buckle up your children. More than 11,000 law enforcement

agencies are issuing tickets this week as part of Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles up Children -- the largest-ever nationwide crackdown on drunk drivers and those who don't buckle up and don't buckle up kids.

From May 20-27, officers coast-to-coast will blanket roadways with checkpoints and stepped-up patrols, sharply intensifying enforcement of drunk driving, seat belt and child restraint laws.

It's the law in all fifty states and the District of Columbia that children must be restrained; however, six out of ten children who die in crashes are unbuckled.

Finally, don't let drinking and driving turn a holiday celebration into a tragedy. Even moderate consumption of wine or beer impairs your ability to make proper decisions on the road.

The National Safety Council is a not-for-profit, nongovernmental, international public service organization dedicated to protecting life and promoting health. For additional information about NSC activities, visit the Council's website at <http://www.nsc.org>.

(Information courtesy National Safety Council)

AFSPC commander offers reflection, safety for holiday

By Gen. Lance Lord
Air Force Space Command Commander

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — First of all, Beccy and I want to say how proud we are to be back in Air Force Space Command. You are the finest ICBM and space professionals in the solar system. I would say finest on Earth, but our mission extends beyond that. We are at the epicenter of military space operations — it's no surprise that our professionals throughout the command find coming to work exciting.

Both on- and off-duty, Beccy and I continue to find you, the men and women of AFSPC, warm and caring. Thanks for your gracious welcome.

In the space business, the future is clearly ours to shape. But as we look ahead, it is also important to reflect on the past. This upcoming weekend is an especially fitting time to do just that. Memorial Day, as the name implies, affords us an opportunity to remember those who have fallen in battle. This special day was first observed on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on Union and Confederate soldiers' graves at Arlington National Cemetery.

It's right and proper to continue remembering those who died in defense of our great nation. Almost every American family has lost a loved one in the struggle to ensure freedom since the reading of the Declaration of Independence. Generations of Americans have continued to be reminded of that struggle's price. From Valley Forge to Afghanistan, we understand that serving our country carries with it an inherent risk of danger.

This is a time to place flags at headstones, bring flowers and whisper prayers. No one else should perish in war...no one else should feel that kind of loss and pain.

Memorial Day is a time to reflect on those that have made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives for our country. It is also a time to reflect on those in uniform today — you and your comrades in arms—soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines.

You serve in the missile fields providing the nation's strategic deterrence. You serve in mission control and operations centers ensuring our country's space assets support the warfighter. You defend the nation through the control and exploitation of space. You are the Guardians of the High Frontier.

It is perhaps natural to overlook the dedication and sacrifices, as they are constants in the world we live in. Even among ourselves we describe it as "just our job," but can there be a more vital job than guarding the ramparts of our country, our fellow citizens and our way of life?

As you go about your holiday weekend, please take a moment and think of all those who died wearing our country's uniforms. On battlefields throughout our history, America's brave sons and daughters gave their lives so we may remain free. We must never forget. Take care of each other and be safe.

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Thule celebrates Armed Forces Day

By MSgt Ray Magby
Services Superintendent

The Annual Armed Forces Day celebration at Thule Air Base, Greenland is a unique celebration between the base and the local community.

Thule celebrates Armed Forces Day March 30, earlier than the rest of the U.S. military. "Coordination with the Inuit [the indigenous people of Greenland] people in the neighboring communities is vital to a successful event," said Commander Holmer Soegaard, the Danish Liaison Officer assigned to Thule. Armed Forces Day at Thule is celebrated by sharing the day with families in the local area. Base leadership, in coordination with Commander Soegaard, schedules the events when the Greenlandic children are on school break.

"This is a tremendous event that brings Team Thule together with our surrounding neighbors for fun, food and culture sharing," said Col. Craig Whitehead, 12th Space Warning Squadron Commander. "A lot of effort went into making Armed Forces Day successful...everyone had a great time."

To show you how different Thule's celebration is from other locations, folks in the local community arrive at Thule by dog sleds.

Some of the Inuits travel as long as three days to arrive at Thule and most of this travel was on the ice cap, said Commander Soegaard. The ice cap covers about 1.8 million square kilometers and is about 8 kilometers thick in the center. Additionally, all



Courtesy photo

A sled team races for the finish line during Thule's annual dog sled race for the base's Armed Forces Day celebration.

the games were held on the frozen bay at Thule.

Approximately 12 sleds carrying more than 50 families from the villages of Siorapaluk, Qaanaaq, Moriusaq, and Savissivik traveled in sub-zero temperatures to participate in the events. The travel to Thule wasn't an easy trip, as the area went into snowstorm conditions.

While personnel at Thule were confined to the dorms, some of the inbound Greenlandics were hunkered down in tents on the ice cap, braving gusting winds of 50 knots or more.

Once the Greenlandics arrived and the snowstorm passed, the fun began.

The day began with a few friendly attempts at tug-of-war. Mixed teams of military and civilians tried several times to pull the other team

across the threshold.

Next, the children, some of them dressed in the local native clothing, enjoyed a game of "potato" sack race. This was the highlight of the day for the kids because they were all given snacks provided by the base exchange.

The most entertaining event of the day was mukluk hockey. Several units on base, including the Greenland Contractors, rallied for bragging rights of winning the event. Mukluk hockey is best described as ice hockey with brooms instead of hockey sticks; skates aren't worn either, players wear

mukluks...this makes it more interesting. "Brooms aren't just for sweeping at Thule," said Master Sgt. Torrye Kirvin, an air traffic controller at Thule.

Of course the Air Traffic Controllers won the mukluk hockey tournament. The fun and games ended with the always-popular dog sled ride/race.

Thule residents entered a lottery drawing for a chance at taking this once-in-a-lifetime ride. Twelve lucky souls were whisked away on the frozen bay on a 75-minute, 9-mile ride that took them well out of view of the remaining spectators.

"It was an experience of a lifetime," said Karen Sorensen, a Services employee for Greenland Contractors. Karen advises anyone who has a chance to ride a dog sled to go for it. While Thule residents went along for the joy of the ride, the sled owners had an added reason to complete the ride. Thanks to funds donated by Operation JULEMAND (Thule AB's fund raising effort in support of children in the local communities), prizes were given away for the top three winners.

The day's events concluded with a dinner served at the fitness center.

Peterson hosts quality of life seminar

By 2nd Lt. Julie Bowman
AFSPC Public Affairs

Three days. Forty-six people. Nine wings. Fifty-seven issues. Members from a cross-section of the Air Force population -- airmen, officers, NCOs, civilians, Reserve members, retirees, and dependent spouses -- gathered here May 14-16 for Air Force Space Command's Sixth Annual Quality of Life Seminar.

Their mission: Identify the top quality-of-life issues affecting AFSPC and recommend solutions. "In quality of life, there are no issues that are too small," Gen. Lance Lord, the AFSPC commander, said at the opening. "Field participation is key because it brings the issues to the attention of senior leadership, and I want you to know that we will aggressively follow-up on things."

The group's recommendations were as diverse as the members themselves, ranging in scope from the state-room to the bathroom.

Some of the suggestions were:

- Making Third Country National escort duties between 30 to 45 days and concurrent with Air Expeditionary Force rotations. Airmen are sent overseas to serve as escorts for up to 90 days and are also being tasked to serve a separate AEF rotation, keeping the servicemember away from their families up to six months a year.

- Expanding eligibility criteria for single pregnant members to apply for military housing.

- Treating emergency leave like permissive temporary duty, allowing a maximum of 14 days of non-chargeable leave with commander and Red Cross verification.

- Extending Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits to servicemember's dependents if the member has at least 15 years active-duty service.

- Improving the Survivor Benefit Program so the surviving spouse receives the full retirement of the deceased member eliminate the monthly premium.

- Providing TRICARE Prime for dependents living away from base if the sponsor is on remote assignment.

- Increasing dental coverage for dependents and retired military.

- Making mobile bathroom facilities mandatory for all missile field complexes. Security forces and missile maintainers at Minot AFB, N.D., Malmstrom AFB, Mont., and F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., are out in the field for hours at a time with no facilities.

"It really shows that AFSPC is committed to quality of life. It's one thing to throw a survey out there...but it's something else to take money out of the budget to bring individuals together to sit down and talk quality of life issues," said 2nd Lt. Bobby Roper,



Photo by 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout

Quality of life issues cover a variety of areas like housing. QoL seminars helped to bring about the new one plus one dormitory concept like the facility currently being built here at Peterson.

a representative from Malmstrom.

The three-day seminar was brought to a close with the presentation of issues to AFSPC senior leaders.

"It was obvious that the wings and the attendees did their homework, understood what their quality of life issues were and came prepared to articulate those issues," said Scott Burrows, chief of personnel issues for AFSPC.

The result is a "road map" for where the command needs to direct quality of life resources, Burrows said. The wings and attendees will receive periodic updates that identify the status of resolving each issue.

"Go back to your wings, talk to

your wing commanders, make an effort to talk to folks and let them know we're paying attention," said Col. Debby Baker, director of AFSPC Directorate of Personnel.

Prior to Air Force Space Command's QoL Seminar, Peterson held a base-specific forum April 9-10 where QoL delegates compiled over 20 issues in seven categories, ranging from leadership and force support to family programs and health services.

This seminar pushed those issues to the MAJCOM QoL seminar. A significant number of topics authored by Peterson will now move on to be addressed by both AFSPC directors and at Headquarters Air Force level.

Today

- Aero club Safety Day car wash, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., base car wash.

Saturday

- Junior golf begins, 12-12:30 p.m.

Monday

- Normal operation hours, snack bar open

Tuesday

- Sponsorship training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Family Support Center.
- Resume review class, 9-11 a.m., Family Support Center.

Wednesday

- Aero club safety meeting, 5:45 p.m., Bldg. 1.
- Mongolian BBQ, 6-8 p.m., O-club.
- Country food family buffet, 5-7 p.m., E-club.
- Use the golf simulator free, Wednesdays, Silver Spruce Golf Course.
- Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Family Advocacy Center.



Photo by Budd Butcher

Starting early

Novice soccer enthusiasts go after the ball in the last game of the season for the Little Kickers Soccer Division for 3-4 year olds. Youth soccer is sponsored by Peterson's youth center. For more information about summer youth center sports and recreation programs, call the center at 556-7220.

Community Notes**Community News**

COMMISSARY NEWS - The Peterson Commissary will be open Tuesday for regular business hours, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The commissary will also host a sidewalk and case lot sale from noon - 5 p.m. Monday.

Case lot sales feature a large variety of items at discount prices.

ACCESS CHANNEL ONLINE - Peterson's Commander's Access Channel is now on the air. It can be seen on Americable Channel 3.

To include announcements on the channel e-mail access.channel@peterson.af.mil.

AERO CLUB - Take your brother flying and get a \$5 discount on all Cessnas today. Get a \$5 discount on C172's, the 1450U and 564SP Monday.

ENLISTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS - Upcoming EPD seminars are as follows:

Senior NCO: May 28

NCO: May 29

Airman: May 30

The seminars begin at 7:30 a.m. in Bldg. 350, Room 2127. To register, call Senior Master Sgt. Torrys Johnson at 552-3051 or contact your first sergeant.

AIRMAN'S ATTIC: The Airman's Attic is open noon-3 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

CHILD CARE - Military spouses who provide child care, or who want to, for children other than their own for 10 hours or more per week must be licensed to do so in on-base quarters.

For more information, call Barb Ziegler at 556-4322.

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY - DeCA is accepting applications for the student temporary employment program.

For more information, call the

Peterson Air Force Base Commissary at 556-7765 or 556-7770.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - Nominations and essays for scholarships available through the enlisted and officers' clubs must be received by July 15.

Essays should be 500 words on the topic, "Air Force clubs -- how to continue the tradition."

For details, call club managers at 556-4194 or 556-4181.

U-FIX-IT STORE - The Self Help Center in Bldg. 1322 is now open Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., for maintenance assistance.

YOUTH CAMPS - The Youth Center has information available about camps in archery, baseball, basketball, golf, NFL, soccer or tennis.

Call Karen or Tina at 556-7220 for more information.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN - The Thrift Savings Plan is a tax-deferred savings plan. Service members may contribute from 1 to 7 percent of base pay and up to 100 percent of any incentive, special or bonus pay. There are five funds where the money may be invested and service members may contribute up to \$11,000 in 2002.

The next open season for enrollment runs through July 31. To register for a class for more information, call 556-6141.

MPF Customer Service

HOURS: The military personnel flight customer service section is open for appointments only 8-10 a.m. daily.

Customer service and records hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. for military identification cards, DEERS enrollment and verification. Active duty members can also view their personnel records by using the virtual MPF. Log on to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and click on

VMPF and follow the log-on procedures.

FAMILY MEMBER ID CARDS:

Family members' ID cards are only renewed if they are about to expire or lost, and not for sponsors' change of grade. They can only be reissued 20 days prior to their expiration. The military member must be present to sign the ID card application unless the family member has a power-of-attorney.

Community Activities

CLASSES - Framing, scrapbooking, and stained glass classes are slated for May. Call 556-1732.

TICKETS - Free tickets are available for Sky Sox Night, May 30. The Colorado Springs Sky Sox will play the Salt Lake City Stingers. Game time 7:30 p.m. and gates open 6 p.m.

For more information call 556-7671.

Education Center

TUITION ASSISTANCE - Beginning Oct. 1 the Air Force will pay 100 percent tuition assistance -- up to \$250 per semester hour with an annual cap of \$4,500 -- for active duty members.

CCAF - This year's Community College of the Air Force graduation is scheduled for May 30, 2 p.m., at the enlisted club.

SUMMER TESTING HOURS - The summer testing schedule for June and July is as follows:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sign in up to 15 minutes prior to testing.

The ACT will be offered June 10 and the SAT will be offered on June 24.

For more information call the education center, 556-4064.

a.m., Family Advocacy Center.

Thursday

- Live Maine lobster dinner, reservations required by 5 p.m., O-club, 574-4100.
- Play group, 10:30-noon, chapel.
- Job orientation, 1-2:30 p.m., Family Support Center.

Friday

- Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Family Advocacy Center

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy Center 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Activities Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support Center 556-6141
- Chapel 556-4442

Peterson Air Force Base Chapel Schedule

Protestant Services

This Sunday only,
there will only be
one services at
11 a.m.

Catholic Services

Mass
Weekdays
11:35 a.m.
Saturdays 5 p.m.
Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation
Saturdays 4 p.m.

Religious Education

Adult and pre K-
12th grade Sundays
8:30 a.m.

Accident response

Wing reacts to exercise plane crash

By 2nd Lt. Mike Andrews
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing tested the skills of its emergency response units and personnel Tuesday during a major accident response exercise.

The scenario simulated an off-base, military aircraft accident near Calhan, CO. 21st Space Wing emergency units responded to the scene, secured the area, and treated survivors of the 11-person make-believe C-20.

"The purpose of this MARE was to demonstrate the team concept capability of the wing to support and maintain mission requirements during a peacetime contingency situation," said Lou Collachi, 21st Space Wing Exercise director.

The disaster control group, including security forces, safety, legal, services, and

public affairs all responded to the scene of the simulated crash.

Meanwhile, battle staff representatives and wing leadership stayed on top of the sequence of events and ensured necessary coordination and communication flow from within the Battle Staff.

The MARE not only tested the wing's response to this type of peacetime scenario, it also evaluated the wing's collective ability to generate the proper supplies and equipment needed to fully support specific tasks listed in this type of contingency operational plan.

With the help of various players from across the wing, the crash site came close to resembling the real thing.

"The scene of the accident and people acting as victims looked so real, it was almost scary," said Capt. Don Kerr, 21st Space Wing Chief of Public Affairs.

"The realism of the scene and the scenarios played out by the actors, really encouraged the responders to have a sense of urgency."

The best training received during a MARE comes during the feedback sessions from the exercise advisors who are comprised of individuals from each specialty.

"Each unit's exercise controllers identify what their specific objectives are and incorporate them into the wing scenarios," said Collachi. The controllers evaluate the different responses and actions based on exercise inputs and then later, provide valuable feedback for ultimate success.

The training, battle-tested experience, and lessons learned during a MARE can mean the difference between life and death in a real world crisis.



Photos by Joe Fischer

Above: Emergency medical technicians from the 810th Medical Group treat an exercise accident victim during the major accident response exercise Tuesday.

Right: Exercise media representatives question 2nd Lt. Mike Andrews, 21st Space Wing Public Affairs, about the facts concerning the exercise plane crash.



Col. Michael Selva, 21st Support Group Commander and on-scene commander for Tuesday's MARE, left center, discusses strategy with emergency response personnel.



An exercise accident victim receives treatment by an emergency medical technician during Tuesday's MARE. Moulage experts prepared victims wounds to look like real injuries to test medical personnel's ability to diagnose and properly treat injuries.



21st Security Forces Squadron members secure the area around the exercise crash site on the East side of the base, but was simulated to be at an off-base location. An off base incident creates unique challenges for accident response, as military members must learn to work with local law enforcement and medical response personnel.

Thunderbirds coming to town

By Tech. Sgt.
Gino Mattorano
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Thunderbirds will be in town Monday to put on their annual aerial demonstration for the Air Force Academy graduation Wednesday.

Upon their arrival, the Air Force's premier aerial demonstration team will do interviews with local members of the media, and one local media personality from Fox 21 News will have the unique opportunity to ride in the back seat of a Thunderbird F-16 while a Thunderbird pilot shows him what it feels like to fly one of the Air Force's premier fighter aircraft.

Tuesday, the team will do practice flights over Falcon Stadium at 8 a.m. and again at 2 p.m., and on Wednesday will perform an aerial demonstration at the Air Force Academy's Class of 2002 graduation ceremonies beginning at 1 p.m.

Monday's arrival and Tuesday's practice are not open to the public.

The Air Force Academy Class of 2002 graduation ceremony is open to the public,



U.S. Air Force Photo

and visitors should allow plenty of time for parking and gate security. Falcon Stadium gates will open at 8 a.m., with graduates entering the stadium at approximately 11 a.m. There will be no public admission after 11 a.m.

The Thunderbird pilots will be at the Chapel Hills Mall's Center Court from 4:15-5:15 p.m. Wednesday to sign autographs and to do a mass enlistment.

The Thunderbird demonstration team performs precision aerial maneuvers to exhibit the capabilities of modern high-performance aircraft to people throughout the

world. The Thunderbirds aerial demonstration is a mix of six aircraft, performing formation flying and solo routines. The four-aircraft diamond formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots, while the solos highlight the maximum capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon. The pilots perform approximately 30 maneuvers in a demonstration.

For additional information on the Thunderbirds visit their web site at: www.air-force.com/thunderbird.

(Information courtesy
Air Force Academy Public
Affairs)

Asian Pacific American recipes reflect cultural diversity

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage month, and the Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee wants to promote the diversity of their cultures by sharing some of the cuisine that has become so popular here in America.

Korean Style Barbecue Short Ribs

(Submitted by Roy Yamaguchi)

Recipe

1 cup soy sauce
½ cup sugar
1/8 cup sliced green onions
1 tablespoons white sesame seeds
2 tablespoons sesame oil
2 tablespoons ko chu jang (Korean hot pepper sauce)
1 ½ lbs short ribs (cut in 1/8 inch thick slices of short ribs, bone attached)

[The first five ingredients can be found at your local commissary. Ko chu jang may be found in any Oriental store. The short ribs can occasionally be found in the commissary.]

- Preheat a grill.
- Combine soy sauce, sugar, green onions, sesame seeds, sesame oil, and ko chu jang with ribs and marinate for 30 minutes to one hour. Grill over charcoal grill.
- Serve and enjoy with steamed rice.

Note: adjust sweetness or spiciness by adding more or less of either sugar or ko chu jang sauce.

Yield: 4 servings

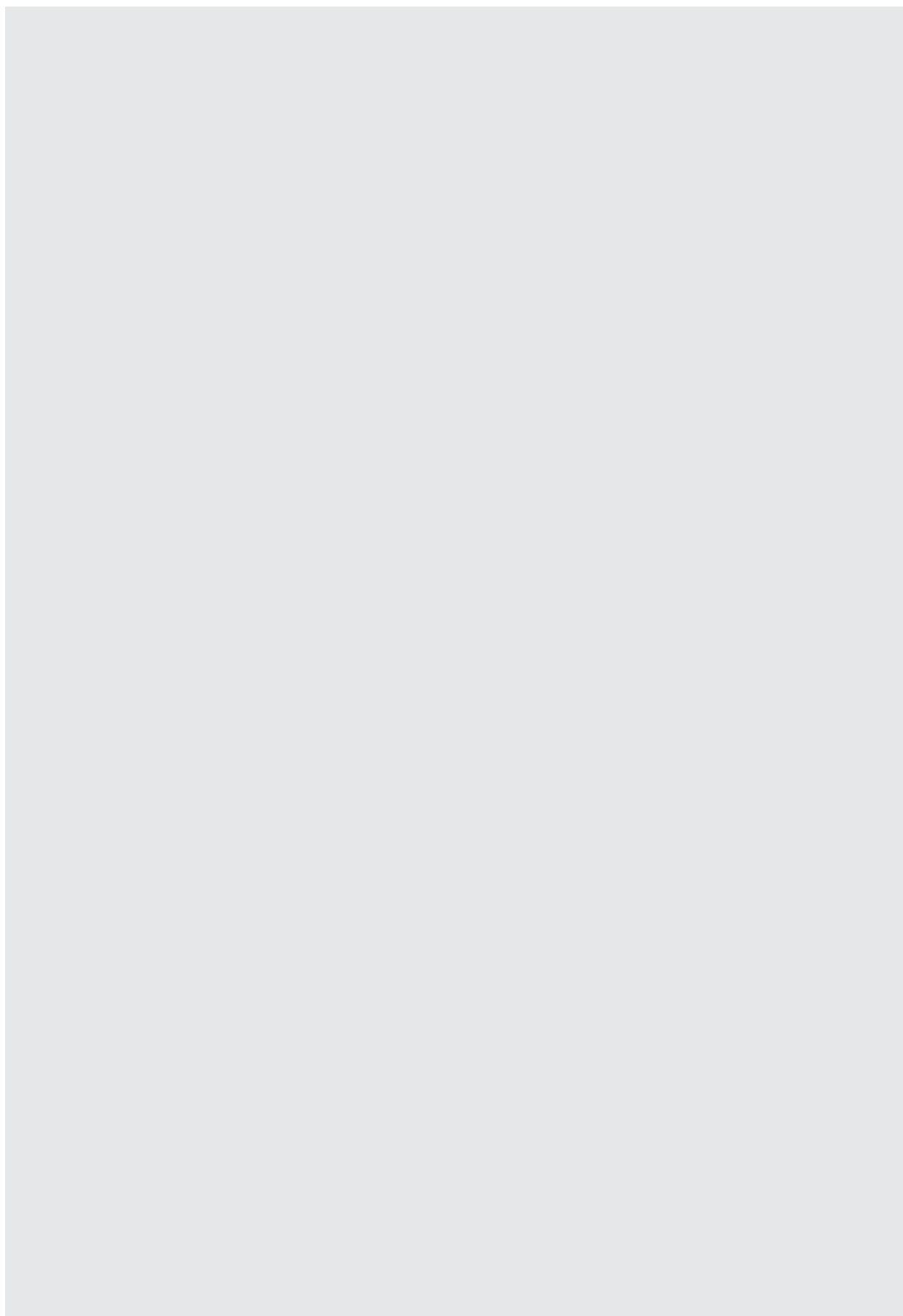
Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

USSPACECOM Command Run

U.S. Space Command has planned a command run for May 31 beginning at 6:30 a.m. at the parade grounds across the street from Bldg. 1470. Members will run in formation south on Peterson Boulevard to Hamilton, Hamilton to Suffolk, Suffolk to Dover, Dover to Mitchell, Mitchell to Stewart, and back to Peterson to finish up at the start point.

Base members are reminded to be watchful during the command run, expected to last until about 7:15 a.m.



Sports

AFSPC team takes volleyball title

By Tech. Sgt.
Gino Mattorano
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Recreation league division champions squared off for bragging rights as league champs in intramural recreation league volleyball playoff action Wednesday.

AFSPC/DR and 21st SW both cruised to the top of their divisions and ended the season with matching 8-2 records.

In the double elimination playoffs, AFSPC/DR forced the 21st SW into the loser's bracket in a hard-fought battle that featured momentum swings from team to team, but in the end AFSPC/DR won.

The 21st SW team made its way through the loser's bracket to meet AFSPC/DR in the championship finals, but the AFSPC/DR team's height and solid play proved to be too much for the smaller 21st team as they fell in two straight games.

"We had a great season," said Steve Bragado, AFSPC/DR coach. "We had a mongrel team of people who



Photo by Robb Lingley

Steve Bragado, AFSPC/DR, spikes the ball past the block of Russell Wolfe, 21st SW, during the championship game.

all pulled together to keep us going. We had a few core players, and the rest of the team just filled in the gaps to give us a solid squad all season long."

The 21st SW coach was disappointed at the loss, but glad to be in the championship

game.

"We had a great team and a great season," said Cindy Compoc, 21st SW coach. "We improved 200 percent from last year, so we were happy to make it as far as we did. Next year we'll be looking to win it all!"

Sports Shorts

Memorial Day hours - The fitness center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Memorial Day.

Three-point shootout - A three-point shootout is at 11:30 a.m. today. Sign-ups are available before the event.

Lifeguards - For information about lifeguard training, call the Aquatics Center at 556-4608.

Baseball fields - Youth baseball fields are off limits to everyone except the base youth program participants. Field number four is open for general use.

To reserve an adult baseball playing field, call Ernie Martin at 556-4462.

Golf course - Summer hours are in effect at the Silver Spruce Golf Course.

The course is open 7 a.m.-dark. The pro shop is open 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and the 19th Hole Grill is open 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The driving range is open 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Daily tee times must be scheduled.

For more information, call 556-7414.

For information about these and other Fitness Month events, call the Fitness Center at 556-1515 or 556-4475.

Volleyball Tournament -

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee will sponsor a volleyball tournament from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 5 at the fitness center.

The tournament is limited to the first eight teams that sign up. A trophy and t-shirts will be presented to the winning team and runner up.

For more information or to register please call Staff Sgt. Maria Theresa Ibanez at 556-1040 or e-mail her at maria.ibanez@peterson.af.mil.

